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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CABLE FROM US CO-ORGANIZERS BRINKMAN
AND ABRAHAMS WHICH WAS SENT COMMERCIALY BY NAS TO PINES
C/O EMBASSY (PINES HAD REQUESTED TELEX BUT NAS WAS UNABLE
TO ESTABLISH IMMEDIATE LINK): (BEGIN TEXT)

WE HAVE CANVASSED THE USDEL AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT
EVERYONE THINKS THAT THE SYMPOSIUM SHOULD NOT BE

RESCHEDULED THIS YEAR. THE DELEGATION WISHES TO EMPHASIZE

THAT IT WAS NOT THE INTENT OF OUR ACTION TO SHUT OFF THE
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POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE BUT THAT IT IS
DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW PEOPLE WILL FEEL AND WITH WHAT
INTENSITY SEVERAL MONTHS FROM NOW SINCE THAT DEPENDS ON
CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS WHICH ARE NEITHER IN OUR CONTROL
NOR THAT OF OUR SOVIET COLLEAGUES. AS FAR AS THE WORKING
GROUP FOR SUMMER 1979 IS CONCERNED, THE GENERAL SENTIMENT

WAS THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION TO INFLICT LONG-TERM
DAMAGE ON EXCHANGE PROGRAM BUT AGAIN THAT THE WILLINGNESS
OF AMERICAN SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE DEPENDS ON EXTERNAL
CIRCUMSTANCES. ALL HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD
THE WORKING GROUP AS SCHEDULED AND THAT IT MIGHT BE
POSSIBLE TO HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS THIS FALL. IT
SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THE ACTION OF OUR DELEGATION
WAS NOT MEANT AS A MESSAGE TO OUR SOVIET SCIENTIFIC
COLLEAGUES INDIVIDUALLY BUT AROSE OUT OF PERSONAL
CONVICTIONS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WERE SUCH THAT A VISIT TO
THE SOVIET UNION WAS IMPOSSIBLE AT THIS TIME AND AS A
PROTEST AGAINST THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.
WARM REGARDS. (END TEXT).

ABOVE CONSTITUTES REPLY TO MOSCOW 11471. CHRISTOPHER

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